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E.O. 11652:
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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI VISIT TO ETHIOPIA

1. WOMAN WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY HERSELF CALLED ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM FROM DURBAN SEPTEMBER 27 TO ASK US GOVERNMENT HELP IN ARRANGING SECURITY FOR CHIEF BUTHELEZI WHEN HE TRAVELS TO ATTEND AFRICAN AMERICAN DIALOGUES IN ADDIS IN DECEMBER. PRESUMPTION IS CALLER WAS BUTHELEZI'S SECRETARY.

2. NEWSOM EXPLAINED AFRICAN AMERICAN DIALOGUES IS PRIVATELY SPONSORED ORGANIZATION AND THAT THERE IS NO APPROPRIATE US GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN FUNCTION OR IN BUTHELEZI TRAVEL WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY ANY INVOLVEMENT IN HIS SECURITY. NEWSOM PROMISED TO PASS ON REQUEST TO SPONSORING ORGANIZATION.

3. NEWSOM HAD SPOKEN ON PREVIOUS DAY TO FRANK FERRARI OF AAI ABOUT POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON BUTHELEZI'S ATTENDANCE AT DIALOGUES. NEWSOM STRESSED THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT UNLIKE LY HAVE ANY INFLUENCE IN SUCH MATTER AND SUGGESTED AAI SEEK PROMINENT AMERICAN ACCEPTABLE TO SOUTH AFRICANS WHO
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MIGHT SEE FOREIGN MINISTER MUELLER WHILE LATTER IS IN NEW YORK, EXPLAIN DIALOGUES, SIGNIFICANCE OF AFRICAN WILLINGNESS RECEIVE BUTHELEZI, AND URGE SAG TO AGREE.

4. AAI WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON BUTHELEZI'S
ACTUAL TRAVEL PLANS WHICH YOU CAN APPROPRIATELY PROVIDE.
THEY HAVE TAKEN NO STEPS TO ARRANGE PROGRAMS IN TRANSIT
COUNTRIES UNTIL THIS INFORMATION IS RECEIVED. KISSINGER

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